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### **REMARKS**

Claims 16-22 and 26-28 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Bragg (US 4,430,243). Claim 16 has been amended to include the concentration ranges for the composition. The concentration of the detergency builder (salt of an organic acid) and hydrogen peroxide in the instant invention are at least an order of magnitude outside the range of concentrations in Bragg. It would not have been obvious to one skilled in the art to try concentrations so far removed from the prior art cited. The applicants traverse this rejection and respectfully request that claim 16 - 22 and 26 - 28 be allowed.

Claims 29 and 30 stand rejected under 35 USC § 1.03(a) as being obvious from Bragg (US 4,430,243) and Kravetz et al. (US 4,025,453). Pursuant to the arguments put forth above, the rejection based on Bragg is traversed, therefore the combination with Kravetz et al. should not be considered as obvious. Applicants respectfully request that these claims be allowed.

Claims 23-25 stand rejected under 35 USC § 1.03(a) as being obvious from Bragg (US 4,430,243) and Chapple et al. (US 5,536,441). Pursuant to the arguments put forth in the first two paragraphs of these remarks, the rejection based on Bragg is traversed, therefore the combination with Chapple et al. should not be considered as obvious. Applicants respectfully request these claims be allowed.

Claim 16 stands rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112 paragraph 2 as indefinite. Claim 16 has been amended. Applicants traverse the objection to the use of the term starts. Applicants point out that in the specification at page 7 first paragraph that the bath starts out slightly alkaline but achieves a neutral pH. Applicants traverse the rejection and respectfully request that Claim 16 be allowed.

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Claim 31 stands allowed. Claim 31 has been amended to correct an obvious typographical error. Applicants respectfully request allowance of Claim 31.

New claim 32 has been added. Claim 32 depends from claim 31 and should be fully allowable with claim 31.

New claim 33 has been added. Support for this claim is on page 4, beginning at line 22. No new matter has been added. Applicants respectfully request this claim be allowed.

New claim 34 has been added. Support for this claim is on page 4, beginning at line 22. No new matter has been added. Applicants respectfully request this claim be allowed.

New claim 35 has been added. Support for this claim is on page 10 in Table 3. No new matter has been added. Applicants respectfully request this claim be allowed.

New claim 36 has been added. Support for this claim is on page 10 in Table 3. No new matter has been added. Applicants respectfully request this claim be allowed.

New claim 37 has been added. Support for this claim is on page 4, beginning at line 22. No new matter has been added. Applicants respectfully request this claim be allowed.

New claim 38 has been added. Support for this claim is on page 11 in Table 4. No new matter has been added. Applicants respectfully request this claim be allowed.

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As the total number of claims exceed the number of claims originally paid for, a fee for \$306.00 is believed due. There are a total of 23 claims including 6 independent claims. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to credit any overpayment or charge any fee deficiency to Deposit Account No. 03-2060.

Reconsideration and allowance of this application is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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